



**Environmental Board Regular Meeting  
May 20, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.  
City Hall Boards & Commissions 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas 78701**

# Agenda

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair	Marisa Perales, Vice Chair	James Schissler, P. E., Secretary
Robert Deegan	Mary Ann Neely	Ruthie Redmond
Brian Smith		

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
  2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**  
Speakers should sign up to speak prior to the meeting being called to order; you will receive a three-minute allotment to discuss topics not posted on the agenda.
  3. **10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION**
    - a. None
  4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**
    - a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board regular meeting of May 6, 2015.
    - b. Environmental Officer's Report on hot topics – Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer
  5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
    - a. **Name:** Live Oak Trails SP-2014-0459C.SH  
**Applicant:** Doucet and Associates, Inc.  
**Agent:** Ted McConaghy  
**Location:** 8500 W Hwy 71  
**Staff Reviewer:** Mike McDougal, Development Services Department/Environmental Staff;  
Michael Simmons-Smith, Development Services Department /Case Manager  
**Watershed:** Williamson Creek Watershed, Barton Springs Zone, and Drinking Water Protection Zone  
**Request:** Variance request as follows:
      - 1 – Modify LDC 25-8-341(A) to allow cut up to 8 feet; and
      - 2 – Modify LDC 28-8-342(A) to allow fill up to 8 feet.

**Staff Recommendation:** Recommended with conditions

**Reasons for Recommendation:** Findings of fact have been met.

**6. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. FY14 Annual report – Victoria Li, Director, Watershed Protection Department
- b. Briefing on Watershed Protection Department’s Buttermilk Creek Erosion Project – Charlie Kaough, P.E., Engineer C., Watershed Protection Department

**7. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Discuss and consider for action a recommendation to the Austin City Council regarding the proposed construction of SH45 Southwest – Mary Ann Neely, Chair Water Quality Regulations Committee
- b. Discuss and review changes to the Environmental Board enabling ordinance - Mary Gay Maxwell, Board Chair

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely, James Schissler, P.E., and Brian Smith. **No report this week.**
- b. Urban Growth Policy Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, and James Schissler, P. E. **No report this week.**
- c. Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell and Mary Ann Neely. **No report this week.**
- d. Development Committee – Robert Deegan, Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales and James Schissler, P.E. **No report this week.**
- e. Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Ruthie Redmond and Brian Smith. **Mary Ann will provide a report.**
- f. Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, and Mary Ann Neely. **No report this week.**
- g. Air Quality Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Ruthie Redmond, and Mary Gay Maxwell. **Mary Ann will provide a report.**
- h. Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Council Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell. **No report this week.**
- i. Other reports from Board members. **No report this week.**

**9. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Future Agenda Items Requested by Board, as of May 2015**

<b>Request Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Requestor</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>EB Meeting Date</b>
Standing item <b>WILL BE COMPLETED SPRING 2015</b>	WTP4 TM Quarterly report on project status and Environmental Commissioning	Board	Robyn Smith, Chuck Lesniak	PW, WPD	Quarterly
11/5/14 **	<b>10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION</b> Provide information for new Council members regarding the Environmental Board functions	Mary Gay Maxwell	TBD	Board	Pending
11/5/14	<b>10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION</b> Presentation about environmental issues for each district	Mary Gay Maxwell	TBD	Board	July/August 2015
11/5/14	<b>10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION</b> Watershed Protection Department to brief the Environmental Board with the same presentation material provided to new City Council	Mary Gay Maxwell	TBD	Board	July/August 2015
3/4/15	<b>10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION</b> How the ozone is formed	Mary Ann Neely/ Environmental Board	Pharr Andrews Cari Beutow	ATD ATD	August 19
4/20/15	FY14 Annual report/Environmental Board Report	WPD	Victoria Li	WPD	May 20
4/20/15	FY16 Budget Process	CFO	Diane Gonzalez	WPD	June 17
2/18/15	Briefing from City Clerk on new Council Committee structure and procedures	Environmental Board		Clerk's Office	Pending
3/23/15	Status report from River Watch	Victoria Li	Brent Lyles	Austin Youth River Watch	Pending

4/6/15	SOS Amendment for the Eliza Springs Daylighting	Staff	Chris Herrington	WPD	Pending
4/15/15	Update on the Zucker report and outline of the structure of the two departments: Development Services Department and Planning & Zoning Department	Environmental Board	Rodney Gonzalez George Adams	Development Services Department and Planning & Zoning Department	After June 30 <sup>th</sup>
5/6/15	Update on the voluntary buyout program	Environmental Board		WPD	After May 20 <sup>th</sup>
5/6/15	Briefing on Cemetery Master Plan	Environmental Board		PARD	After August